

S. 3008. A bill to establish the Federal Rainy Day Fund to control emergency spending.

S. 3009. A bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to remove the prohibition on States and territories against lowering their taxes.

S. 3010. A bill to cap noninterest Federal spending as a percentage of potential GDP to right-size the Government, grow the economy, and balance the budget.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2382. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Changes to Canada-Specific Hazardous Waste Import-Export Recovery and Disposal Operation Codes" (FRL No. 8562-01-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2383. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Part 212, Process Operations" (FRL No. 9004-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2384. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; MS; BART SIP and Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9006-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2385. A communication from the Acting Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation; Unenforceable Commercial Supplier Agreement Terms, Class Deviations, and Update for Fixed Rates for Services—Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity Contract" (FRL No. 9998-55-OMS) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2386. A communication from the Vice President of River and Resources Stewardship, Natural Resources, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Floating Cabins" (RIN3316-AA24) received on October 7, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2387. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of the Voluntary Trichinae Certification Program" ((RIN0579-AE59) (Docket No. APHIS-2020-0065)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2388. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Stephen G. Fogarty, United States

Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2389. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General John M. Murray, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2390. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019, with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2391. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2392. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13664 with respect to South Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2393. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Mortgage Loan Participations as Collateral for Federal Home Loan Bank Advances" (2021-RI-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2394. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding Minority Depository Institutions" (RIN3064-ZA19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2395. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ONRR 2020 Valuation Reform and Civil Penalty Rule: Delay of Effective Date" (RIN1012-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2396. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ONRR 2020 Valuation Reform and Civil Penalty Rule: Delay of Effective Date; Request for Comment" (RIN1012-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2397. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ONRR 2020 Valuation Reform and Civil Penalty Rule: Final Withdrawal Rule" (RIN1012-AA27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2398. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on the Treatment of Qualified Improvement Property under Sections 250(b) and 951A(d) and

Guidance Related to the Foreign Tax Credit" ((RIN1545-BP91 and RIN1545-BP70) (TD 9956)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2399. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Distributions of Property From a Corporation to a Shareholder" ((RIN1545-BN80) (TD 9954)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2400. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Non-Government Persons Not Authorized to Participate in Examinations of Books and Writings as a Section 6103(n) Contractor" ((RIN1545-B012) (TD 9952)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2401. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fee for Estate Tax Closing Letter" ((RIN1545-BP75) (TD 9957)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2402. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examinations of returns and claims for refund, credit or abatement; determination of tax liability" (Rev. Proc. 2021-41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2403. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2020-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2404. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Nonresident Alien Deposit Interest Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2020-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2405. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "COVID-19 Relief Under Sections 42, 142(d), and 147(d)" (Notice 2020-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2406. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Reporting Qualified Sick Leave Wages and Qualified Family Leave Wages Paid Pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act" (Notice 2020-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 6, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3003. An original bill to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Jeffrey Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

Nominee: Jeffrey Lane Flake.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Turkey.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: \$100, 12/05/2017, Doug Jones for U.S. Senate; \$100, 09/03/2019, Penzone for Sheriff.

Contributions from FlakePAC to Candidates 2017–2021: \$10,000, 02/23/2017, Heller for Senate; \$10,000, 03/06/2017, Wicker for Senate; \$10,000, 03/13/2017, Deb Fischer for Senate; \$5,000, 03/13/2017, Hatch Election Committee; \$5,000, 05/23/2017, Strange for Senate; \$5,000, 08/18/2017, Pat Roberts for Senate; \$10,000, 09/11/2017, Bob Corker for Senate; \$5,000, 09/18/2017, Strange for Senate; \$5,000, 10/26/2017, Citizens for Josh Mandel; \$2,500, 03/28/2018, Debbie Lesko for Congress; \$5,000, 12/27/2018, Cory Gardner for U.S. Senate; \$5,000, 12/27/2018, Collins for Senator; \$2,500, 09/17/2020, Collins for Senator; \$2,500, 09/17/2020, The Thom Tillis Committee; \$2,500, 09/17/2020, Joni for Iowa; \$2,500, 09/17/2020, Cory Gardner for U.S. Senate; \$2,500, 09/17/2020, Alaskans for Dan Sullivan; \$2,500, 10/04/2020, Cory Gardner for U.S. Senate; \$2,500, 10/04/2020, Collins for Senator; \$2,500, 10/04/2020, The Thom Tillis Committee; \$2,500, 10/04/2020, Joni Ernst for U.S. Senate; \$2,500, 10/04/2020, Dan Sullivan for Senate.

Contributions from FlakePAC to Party Committees 2017–2021: \$450, 03/14/2017, Coconino County GOP; \$5,000, 03/15/2017, Arizona Republican Party; \$2,000, 05/23/2017, Maricopa County Republican Committee; \$15,000, 08/31/2017, National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Spouse: Cheryl Lanae Flake: None.

Tom Udall, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Independent State of Samoa.

Nominee: Tom Udall.

Post: Ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa.

Nominated: July 22, 2021.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Tom Udall, None.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$50.00, 2018, Beto (O'Rourke) for Texas.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$500.00, 2020, Meredith Dixon for State House.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$50.00, 2020, Meredith Dixon for State House.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$100.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$50.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$100.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

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Jill Cooper (spouse), \$50.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$100.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$25.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$50.00, 2020, Xochill, (Torres Small) for New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$100.00, 2020, Invest to Elect New Mexico.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$500.00, 2021, Meredith Dixon for State House.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$5.00, 2021, Committee to Elect Carol Romero.

Jill Cooper (spouse), \$100.00, 2021, Alan Webber for Mayor.

Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Nominee: Steven C. Bondy.

Post: Manama, Bahrain.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses, have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.

2. Spouse: Meghan M. Bondy: None.

3. Children and Spouses: Rachel J. Bondy (unmarried): \$25, 4/28/20, Actblue; \$15, 9/28/19, Actblue. Andrew C. Bondy (unmarried): \$1, 9/15/20, Actblue; \$10, 9/15/20, Actblue.

4. Parents: George B. Bondy, None; Enid R. Bondy, None.

5. Grandparents: Winfield Bondy—deceased; Cecilia Bondy—deceased; Benjamin Rothenberg—deceased; Ruth Rothenberg—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: David S. Bondy, None; Myung K. Bondy, \$50, 3/31/20, Actblue; \$50, 3/31/20, Tom Malinowski for Congress; \$250, 10/21/19, Tom Malinowski for Congress; \$250, 3/1/18, Tom Malinowski for Congress.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Susan E. Cook, None; Thomas E. Cook, None.

Michael Raynor, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Nominee: Michael A. Raynor.

Post: Senegal/Guinea-Bissau.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses, have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Raynor, Kathleen: none.

3. Children: Raynor, Bradley J.: none; Raynor, Emma C: \$38, Oct. 2021, Joseph Biden.

Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Adam M. Scheinman.

Post: Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with rank of Ambassador.

Nominated: April 29, 2021.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: \$100, Sept 2020, Biden Victory Fund.

Spouse: Justine Fitzgerald: \$305, Aug–Oct 2020, ACTBLUE/Biden.

Nathaniel Scheinman: none;

Audra Scheinman: none;

Sela Scheinman: none.

Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.

Nominee: Sharon Lee Cromer.

Post: Republic of The Gambia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: (USD), 5.00, 12/28/2020, Act Blue; 130.00, 12/28/2020, Act Blue; 5.00, 12/22/2020, Act Blue; 50.00, 12/22/2020, Act Blue (RWarnock); 50.00, 12/22/2020, Act Blue (RWarnock); 50.00, 12/22/2020, Act Blue (JOSoff); 5.00, 11/15/2020, Act Blue; 100.00, 11/15/2020, Act Blue (RWarnock); 5.00, 11/10/2020, Act Blue; 100.00, 11/10/2020, Fair Fight; 5.00, 11/08/2020, Act Blue; 100.00, 11/08/2020, Act Blue (JOSoff); 10.00, 11/07/2020, Act Blue; 100.00, 11/07/2020, Act Blue (RWarnock); 10.00, 10/17/2020, Act Blue; 100.00, 10/17/2020, Act Blue (DNC).

2. Spouse: Arnold Stanley Sobers Jr: None.

Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

Nominee: Troy Fitrell.

Post: Conakry, Guinea.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, Donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Kathryn Fitrell: none.

3. Children: Madeleine Fitrell: none. Samuel Fitrell: none.

Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

Nominee: Marc Ostfield.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: None.

Spouse: (Michael Savino): None.